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**NAME OF PROGRAM:** **T.Y.G.R. P.A.W.S. Junior Golf Program**

**DATE:** Summer 2006

**LOCATION:** Bryan Park Practice & Learning Center

**DESCRIPTION:** Greensboro Parks & Recreation's T.Y.G.R. P.A.W.S. Junior Golf Program is pleased to announce its major contributors for 2006: The United States Golf Association (USGA), Bryan Park Practice and Learning Center, the Greensboro Jaycees and Dick's Sporting Goods.

T.Y.G.R. P.A.W.S. stands for **T**eaching **Y**outh **G**olf: **R**ecreation, **P**ride, **A**wareness, **W**isdom and **S**elf-Esteem. The focus of the program is to introduce under-privileged youth to the game of golf. It is our belief, and basic teaching philosophy, that golf is an ideal window of opportunity to install honor, fairness, and self-esteem to an individual. It is our privilege to present golf to youngsters, so that they gain knowledge about the true nature of the game and the attitude that must accompany it. Our desire is to introduce and encourage golf as an alternative and lifelong sport to be enjoyed. The T.Y.G.R. P.A.W.S. clinics will be conducted this summer.

USGA has served as the national governing body of golf for the country, its territories and Mexico, since its formation in 1894. USGA is a nonprofit organization, run by golfers for the benefit of golfers. It sponsors a variety of programs that benefit everyone who plays the game; conducting 13 national championships each year, writing and interpreting the Rules of Golf, funding turf grass and course maintenance practices, and supporting grassroots programs through its "For the Good of the Game" initiative: [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org)

Named in honor of Joseph and Kathleen Bryan, Bryan Park offers golf and recreation at its finest. The complex includes 36 holes of championship golf, golf practice and learning facility, pro shop, grill, and the Bryan Conference Center. The Golf Practice and Learning Facility offers 12 acres of Bermuda grass as teeing areas. Players may practice bunker shots from three different sand traps to four practice chipping greens. General practice is located on the north end of the range while private instruction, clinics, and schools are located on the south end. PGA instructors are available, seven days a week, to fulfill individual or group needs. Precision Golf School also offers a qualified teaching professional list and the ever-growing Precision Golf Junior Academy: [www.bryanpark.com](http://www.bryanpark.com)

The Greensboro Jaycees Chapter was officially chartered on October 24, 1936, when a group of young men came together to bring a new Ford Motor Company plant to Greensboro. Their efforts were unsuccessful, but they decided to form an organization with a sincere interest in working toward improving life and advancing commerce in Greensboro. Later, this group affiliated with the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. The U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce started in St. Louis, Missouri in 1915 as the "Junior Citizens." The purpose of the Junior Citizens was to stress "individual development through leadership training and civic involvement." In 1918, the club changed its name to the Junior Chamber of Commerce and was founded as a national organization in 1920.

The Greensboro Jaycees is a young professionals' organization that strives to develop leadership through community service. With 69 years of service to the community, the Greensboro chapter has been recognized as the best chapter in the world on two occasions, as well as, the United States and North Carolina: [www.jaycee.org](http://www.jaycee.org)

Dick Stack, founder of Dick's Sporting Goods, believed that sports play a vital role in teaching our children fundamental values such as a strong work ethic, teamwork, and good sportsmanship. He understood that supporting the organizations that make youth sports possible is the best way to promote those values. Dick's Sporting Goods shares the same enthusiasm for and commitment to youth sports in our communities. DICK'S community efforts focus on traditional team sports and outdoor related activities and events: [www.dickssportinggoods.com](http://www.dickssportinggoods.com)

"Due to the support of the USGA, Bryan Park Practice & Learning Center, the Greensboro Jaycees, and Dick's Sporting Goods, the T.Y.G.R. P.A.W.S. program will operate for the 8<sup>th</sup> year. We are very excited to bring this program to the Greensboro community, once again," says John Hughes, Division Manager for the Youth & Community Services Division of the Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department.

Registration for the 2006 summer T.Y.G.R. P.A.W.S. Junior Golf Program is currently full. For more information, please call Terry Jennings, Director of Golf, at **336-373-5850**, or Email at: <mailto:terry.jennings@greensboro-nc.gov>